

220 RETIRED OFFICER CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS

220.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to outline the process and conditions associated with the issuance, denial or revocation of a concealed weapon permit endorsement for retired officers.

220.1.1 DEFINITIONS

A qualified retired peace officer means an individual who (§ 571.030.11, RSMo):

- Retired in good standing from service as an officer, other than for reasons of mental instability.
- Before retirement was authorized by law to engage in or supervise law enforcement activities for any violation of law and had statutory powers of arrest.
- Before retirement was regularly employed as a peace officer for an aggregate of at least 15 years or more, or
- Retired from service with a service-related disability after completion of probation.
- Has a non-forfeitable right to benefits under the retirement plan of the Department.
- During the most recent 12-month period has met the state standard for training and qualification to carry firearms.
- Is not under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicating or hallucinatory drugs or substances.
- Is not prohibited by any state or federal law from receiving or possessing a firearm or under a current court order.
- Has in possession photographic identification from this Department.

A former peace officer is not "in good standing" if he/she was discharged for cause or resigned prior to the final disposition of allegations of misconduct.

220.2 CONCEALED CARRY OPTIONS

A retired officer of this department has the following options available for carrying a concealed weapon:

1. A former officer of this department may obtain a concealed carry endorsement from the state of Missouri pursuant to § 571.101, RSMo to § 571.121, RSMo.
2. A former officer of this department may obtain a concealed weapon permit from any other state.

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3. A former officer of this department who departs full-time employment may carry a concealed weapon without a permit pursuant to § 571.030.2(1), RSMo. The former officer shall have in his/her possession (§ 571.030.12, RSMo):
 - a. Photo identification issued by this department that indicates the retiree has met the same training and qualification standards required for active peace officers to carry the firearm within the past year, or
 - b. Photo identification issued by this department and a certification issued by the state in which he/she resides that the retiree has met the same training and qualification standards required for active peace officers to carry the firearm within the past year.
4. A former officer of this department who departs full-time employment may carry a concealed weapon without a permit if he/she meets federal qualified retiree requirements to carry a concealed weapon pursuant to 18 USC § 926C.

220.3 DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The Department shall issue a photo identification card to any licensed member who has honorably retired, indicating that the officer has honorably retired from the Department (§ 571.030.12, RSMo).

The Chief of Police shall determine whether an officer has honorably retired. This determination is not subject to review.

220.4 FIREARMS QUALIFICATIONS

To be qualified to carry a concealed firearm pursuant to § 650.030, RSMo, the retired officer must annually complete the firearms training and qualification courses approved by the Missouri Department of Public Safety.

This department may offer peace officers who retired from other agencies the opportunity to obtain the firearms qualifications that are necessary for certification, as pursuant to this policy, at least twice per year. The Department may impose a fee in the amount necessary to pay the expenses for providing the firearms qualifications.

220.5 CARRYING FIREARMS OUT OF STATE

Retired officers of this department who meet the qualified retiree requirements and who carry the required identification and firearms qualification certificate outlined in 18 USC § 926C may be authorized to carry a concealed firearm in other states.